

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 608

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Ozburn Hollow Farm, a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Ozburn family certainly ranks among those estimable Tennessee farming families; Ozburn Hollow Farm, owned and operated by the family since 1806, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm in recognition of its long and illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, Ozburn Hollow Farm was founded in 1806 by Robert Ozburn and his wife, Jane Wylie Ozburn; the son of Scotch-Irish immigrants, Mr. Ozburn was born in 1755 in York County, Pennsylvania; by the time the Revolutionary War began, he was living in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, where he enlisted in the colonial army in 1775 and served valiantly until 1781; and

WHEREAS, in 1806, Robert and Jane, along with their seven children, moved to Williamson County, Tennessee and founded the Ozburn Hollow Farm; and

WHEREAS, Robert passed away in 1834 and Jane in 1849; the couple is buried in the Ozburn family cemetery in Palmore Hollow; and

WHEREAS, Robert and Jane's two sons, James and Thomas Ozburn, became the second generation owners of the farm; under their ownership, the farm produced corn, wheat, swine, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, through succeeding generations, the Ozburn family continued to work the land in the hollow; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Frank Perry Ozburn, the great-great-great-grandson of the founder, inherited the farm; and

WHEREAS, three generations of the Ozburn family live on the farm today; the family has maintained the 19th century smokehouse, springhouse, and log barn, and has made efforts to restore the farm's original log house and grounds in order to preserve its beauty; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as the members of the Ozburn family, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and a love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owner Frank Perry Ozburn, whose Ozburn Hollow Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend Mr. Ozburn and his family for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.